

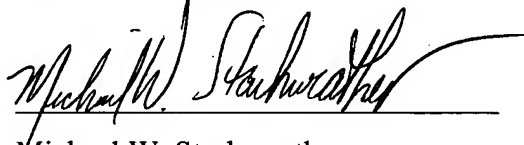
REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the additional time to correct non-compliance. In the Notice of Non-Compliance, the Examiner noted that the amendments to the claims included incorrect status identifiers. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims have been properly amended to indicate the correct status identifiers. Additionally, claims 1-12 have been amended from the status of 'Withdrawn' to read 'Cancelled' due to the election/restriction requirement of the previous office action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that an additional payment of \$99.00 is not required.

CONCLUSION

Should additional information be required regarding this response, the Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicants of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Starkweather", written over a horizontal line.

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